damage to employes. Mr. Tillman presented his daily complaint of discrimination by railroad companies. The complaint in this instance was against the Kanawha and Michigan Railroad Company and the Hocking Valley road, in West Virginia, which, it was declared, had pre-vented the development of other mines than

their own.

The resolution presented yesterday by Mr. Tillman calling upon the interstate commerce commission for information rela-tive to free transportation, including tickets issued to newspapers in pay for adver-tising, was passed without opposition.

The railroad rate bill was then taken up and Mr. Knox presented his views. This was Mr. Knox's first sustained effort in the Senate and he was accorded close attention by a well-filled chamber. An outline of his remarks will be found in another column. Mr. Knox spoke for an hour and a half, and when he closed the conference report on the bill settling the affairs of the five civilized tribes was taken up. Mr. La Follette opposed the report.

HEAVY ATTENDANCE

THE STEEPLECHASE AND GOOD WEATHER ATTRACT MANY.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

BENNING RACE TRACK, D. C., March 28.-The fine weather and the fact that a steeplechase is down on the day's care | served to attract the largest gathering of the week to the Benning track this afternoon. Many women were in the grand stand and club house, the dismal weather keeping many of them away on the first two days.

The track is drying up fast, and although the going will continue to be somewhat slow it cannot be rated as heavy.

By tomorrow it should be in first-class condition, with the proviso that the present weather continues.

Beyond the fact that some new two-yearolds will be shown this afternoon and a steeplechase is down for decision, the program can be classed as ordinary. The return of old Douro in the steeple-

chase will be watched with interest. He was not raced last season, and it was gen-erally believed that his days of racing The special that reached the grounds from Baltimore at 2:15 was packed to the plat-

forms and brought over a larger number than that of the opening day.
Following are the scratches bulletined at 2.30: In the first, D'Arkle; in the third, Sais; in the fourth, Fergus; in the fifth, Hauteur, High Brush and Hawthorne.

Tomorrow's Entries.

Entries for tomorrow's races follow First race, handicap, three-year-olds and upward, five and one-half furlongs, Columbia course. Ben Hodder, 118; D'Arkle, 110; Right and True, 108; Royal Window, 102; Suffice, 92; Amberjack, 94; Palora, 88.

Second race, selling, two-year-olds, four and one-half furlongs, old course. Al Pow-ell, 110; Blue Bottle, 110; King Brush, 102; Jobstown, 99; Henry Pike, 99; Flip, 99; *Bush Hill, 101; *Strong Arm, 97; *Miss Third race, three-year-olds, six furlongs,

Columbia course. Sir Brinkley, 104; Tangler, 101; Ladsarion, 101; Sterling, 101;

Tickle, 19; T. S. Martin, 98.
Fourth race, the Chevy Chase Steeple-chase, about two and one-half miles, overfull course. Mr. Cotton's br. g. Game Cock (5), 166; Piedmont stable's b. g. Red, White and Blue (5), 161; Piedmont stable's b. La Danzador (5), 154; James Kerr's b g. Dunseverrick (4), 142; C. H. Smith's b. g. leroso (4), 142, Fifth race, selling, four-year-olds and up-

ward, six and one-half furlongs, Columbia course. Cannon Ball, 110; Pirateer, 110; Foxy Kane, 110; Tom Cod, 110; Ninepin, 107; Mettle, 105; Kolaneka, 105; *Parkville, 105; *Easter Waters, 100; *Al Casey, 102. Sixth race, maidens, three-year-olds and upward, one mile and forty yards, old course. Topright, 115; Zany, 111; Salt and Pepper, 106; Kuro, 92; Nonsense, 92; Waterway 80 Apprentice allowance.

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REVOLUTIONARIES IN CHINA IN ANTI-DYNASTIC MOVEMENT.

VICTORIA, B. C., March 28.-Advices received from China by the Empress of Japan say revolutionaries are planning an antidynastic coup at Peking. A dispatch to the Toklo Hochi says revolutionaries are congregating caravans of arms and ammunition purchased from Belgians at Tientsin, which have been conveyed to Mongolia.

The finding of a parcel of bombs by gendarmes at the Peking depot caused consternation to the court, and forces of newly organized foreign-modeled Manchu troops in Peking were trebled and artillery mounted in the palace precincts.

The military preparation caused alarmists

reports and Peking was for a time panic-

CONTINUED UNTIL TUESDAY. Hearing of John Kennedy on Charge

of Forgery. Papers were filed in the Police Court today charging John Kennedy with the for-

gery of two names on a bond given for carrying out a contract to supply coal to not only the exterior of the ship, but also the House of Representatives and with ut- the interior. One model represents the tering the forged bond. The preliminary transport cut in halves, and shows the relahearing in the case before the Police Court was continued until next Tuesday to allow for further investigation and for obtaining the witnesses in the case. Mr. Kennedy is out on a bond of \$5,000, which he gave yesterday afternoon following his arrest. Attorneys Forest and Keys appear for

Mr. Kennedy in the matter, and the date for the hearing was fixed after a consultation between them and Assistant District Attorney Ralph Given this morning. Mr. Kennedy was at the court for a few min-utes this morning, but after the continuance was decided upon he left.

THE AMERICAN HENLEY.

Invitation Extended Naval Academy-The Jones Memorial Services.

Special Dispatch to The Star. ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 28 .- The Naval Academy has received an invitation to enter one or more crews in the American Henley, which takes place at Philadelphia May 26, and a strong effort will be made to enter an eight-oared crew. Steps have already been taken to obtain the required permission from the authorities. Should the plans to enter the race at Philadelphia miscarry, the midshipmen will meet an eight from the Arlel Club of Baltimore at Annapolis June 2, but they will not row the latter if a crew is sent to Philadelphia.

Admission to the armory building at the Naval Academy for the John Paul Jones memorial services April 24 will be entirely by ticket, and the Secretary of the Navy has charge of the distribution of the ad-

mission cards. It is understood that about 8,000 tickets will be printed for distribution. Invitations will be sent out by the Secretary of the Navy to all the diplomats at Washington. representatives of the several patriotic socleties throughout the state and others, and cards will be supplied upon acknowledging receipt of the invitations.

Promotions in the Army.

The following military nominations were sent to the Senate by the President this morning:

alry, to be first lieutenant. Lieut. Col. Harry R. Anderson, Artillery

Major Montgomery M. Macomb, Artillery Corps, to be lieutenant colonel. Major Edward E. Hardin, 7th Infantry, to

Second Lieut, George H. Baird, 11th Cav-

lieutenant colonel. Capt. William H. Sage, 23d Infantry, to be

FURTHER DETAILS OF EARLY SECRETARY TAFT URGES AN AP-MORNING DISASTER

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., March 28.-For three hours immediately after midnight this morning Johnstown's business section was threatened with destruction by fire, which was only placed under control after it practically had burned itself out, caused a loss estimated at \$800,000 and the death of one fireman, Wm. Campbell, who was caught by a falling wall. Campbell's body was taken from beneath

a pile of brick and mortar later by the fire-At an early hour this morning it was re

ported that G. H. Santamore, a telegraph operator for the Publishers' Press Association, was missing. Santamore was in the office of the Journal, which was burned out and after the fire he could not be found. It is feared he perished in the flames. The fire broke out in the flye-story brick building at the corner of Main and Bedford streets occupied by the Swank Hardware Company, dealers in paints, oils and hardware. The flames quickly spread through the building, and a general alarm was immediately sent in. Every available fireman and every piece of fire-fighting apparatus was soon on the scene, but, despite the firemen's efforts, the fire was soon beyond con

Apprehension Over Powder.

Adjoining buildings were soon in flame and apprehension was felt over a quantity of powder which it was reported had been stored in the Swank building. There was no explosion, however, although the Swank building was entirely gutted.

The flames swept on to the three-story brick building occupied by Fisher & Co., wholesale liquors, at the corner of Main and Clinton streets, then on to the Wild building, partly consumed the new five-story brick building of the Henderson Fur-niture Company and then leaped to the Geis building, a four-story furniture warehouse, and also the residence of L. A. Geis, where t practically burned itself out. The firemen were seriously hand!capped

by inadequate equipment and bursting hose, and for a time it was thought aid would have to be summoned from Altoona. This was not necessary, however, for when the flames had swept over the five buildings and died down in the Geis building, the firemen had the situation in hand, and it was announced that all danger of a further spread of the flames was over.

Partial List of Losses. A partial list of the losses as far as it is possible to ascertain are approximately as follows:

Swank Hardware Company, building, fivestory brick and stone structure, \$250,000; Fisher & Co., wholesale liquors, three-story brick and stone block, \$150,000; Wild building. three-story office structure, \$140,000; L. A. Geis, building, four-story brick structure, \$30,000; L. A. Geis, residence, \$20,000; Hen-derson Furniture Company, five-story brick structure, loss on building, \$25.000; on stock, \$60,000; Bernard-Nees Hardware Company stock. \$40,000, in Wild building; Johnstown Daily News Publishing Company, in Wild building, \$25,000; Dr. W. W. Grove, in Wild building, \$3,000; Dr. O. Morgan, dentist. in Wild building, \$3,000. The losses of twenty offices of professional men in the Swank and Wild buildings it has been thus

NEW HORTICULTURAL PRODUCTS. Bill Proposed to Protect the Originat-Ors.

far impossible to ascertain.

Consideration of a bill to give protection to the originators of horticultural products under the trade-mark laws was given today by the House committee on patents. The bill was advocated by Hyland C. Kirk and F. D. F. Johnson, representing the nursery interests. The Department of Agriculture DEMANDS OF NAVY YARD MEN ure, which was introduced by Representative Allen of Maine,

To show the necessity of some protection to persons who devote their talents to the cultivation of new species of plant production, Mr. Kirk said that the Rev. Dr. J. R. Reasoner, who produced the Senator Dunlap strawberry, which is the greatest money-maker on the market, never reaped any benefit from his work. Ephraim Pull, who invented the Concord grape, died poor; Luther Burbank of California, who has produced more new varieties of horticultural species than any other man, failed to reap monetary reward until he was recognized

y the Carnegie institution, Letters were read from many horticulturists from various parts of the country favoring the measure. Opposition is ex-pected, according to Mr. Kirk, from some nurserymen from the commercial point of

The measure gives the producer of a new variety the right to name it and to secure a trade-mark on the name which will protect his rights in the production for twenty

MODELS OF THE SHERMAN.

How the Troops Are Cared for on Transports Shown. Under the direction of Quartermaster Gen-

eral Humphrey of the army models have been prepared of the United States transport Sherman, and they are attracting much attention at the War Department. The models are about twenty feet long, and show tive positions of the quarters for soldiers, the passengers' rooms, coal bunkers, freight compartments and machinery rooms.

With great detail the interior has been

worked out in such manner that nothing is left to the imagination. Even the beds for the men are reproduced on a small scale, and the freight is represented by miniature barrels and boxes. Actual coal is used in the bunkers, and the machinery and guns are reproduced with such fidelity that they can be moved and adjusted in such manner that their position may seem more realistic. Navy Department models of battleships have been outdistanced by the transport models, as the navy has never attempted to reproce a transverse section.

The Sherman is one of the four first-class transports owned by the government. The other three are the Logan, the Sheridan and the Thomas. In addition, the department has several others which are not of such high grade. The Sherman and its sister ships are regarded as model transports and excel those of any other government. The Sherman can carry about 1,800 men, and is regarded as the most desirable size, as it is capable of accommodating an entire regi-ment and a hospital. It is 465.5 feet long. 49 feet wide, has a 26-foot draft when loaded and a gross tonnage of 5,789 tons. It has a coal capacity of 2.000 tons and carries a

Awards of Spanish Claims Commission.

The awards so far made by the Spanish treaty claims commission aggregate \$76,740 and the cost of the commission has been \$553,000, according to a statement by Representative Sullivan of Massachusetts before the House committee on judiclary today. The committee had under considera-tion the Sullivan resolution of inquiry as to the number of claims adjudicated. The committee authorized a favorable report on the resolution.

The Free Alcohol Bill.

The free alcohol bill was presented to the ways and means committee today by the subcommittee and soon will be introduced in the House. The full committee decided that further consideration of the bill should be had before final action is taken. The bill carries an appropriation of \$250,000 for the additional force necessary in the inter-nal revenue bureau to administer the new

Anti-Betting Bill Killed.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 28.-The Cassidy-Lansing bill, which would have made bet-

PROPRIATION OF \$927,000.

Secretary Taft, who was before the Senate committee on military affairs today, explaining items in the army appropriation bill, spoke at some length concerning the necessity for a military cable to Panama by the way of Key West, Porto Rico and Guantanamo. Sifch a cable is provided for in the pending bill by an appropriation of 5027,000. Speaking of the requirements, the Secretary said that for a long time it cost the government 54 cents a word on isthnian messages by the line through Mexico and Costa Rica, although the cost now has been decreased to 25 cents a word. He said that if the construction of the canal was left with the War Department the urgent need would continue for eight or ten years and probably more. He also asked that provision for a cable ship to be used in coast defenses, which was struck out of the bill by the House, be restored.

Proposed Reduction of Cavairy. Senator Scott asked Secretary Taft for his opinion concerning the wisdom of reducing the cavalry branch of the army five regiments and adding this force to the artillery. The senator took the position that if the United States engages in a war its battles will be on the defensive and directed against invasion.

Secretary Taft opposed the reduction of the cavalry arm on the ground that it requires two years or more to equip and train this force. He also took issue with Senator Scott on his statement that this country would not take the offensive. He said that every one in Congress believed in upholding the Monroe doctrine, and that the only differences of opinion were as to the meaning of this doctrine. ing of this doctrine. Senator Pettus said that every one agreed that the old Monroe doctrine should be en-

In accepting this definition of his remarks Secretary Taft said that if the army was made up on the belief that is was never going outside the boundaries of the United States then the Monroe doctrine meant

An amendment offered by Senator Lodge An amendment offered by Senator Lodge provided that the coastwise laws of the United States shall not apply to trade between the United States and the Philippine Islands until July 1, 1909, was indorsed by the secretary. The Senate adopted an amendment to the shipping bill providing for such an extension, but that bill is tied up in the House, with little chance of passage.

Pay of Army Officers. Senator Scott called attention to a bill he

introduced early in the session providing for an increase in the pay of second lieutenants, first lieutenants, captains and majors, and asked the secretary if he would be in favor of that bill.

The secretary said that he did not know that he would be ready to indorse it at this time, bu t said he agreed that it was difficult for these officers to support families on their pay. He said that while there had been a great deal of ridicule of a proposi-tion advanced by Gen. Corbin to prohibit tion advanced by Gen. Corbin to prohibit officers under the rank of captain from marrying, when they had little means, he thought the suggestion worth considering. "In advocating that suggestion, are you not afraid of running counter of anti-race suicide doctrine?" asked Senator Black-

When the laughter had subsided. Secre tary Taft said that he thought the non ommissioned officers were the men mos entitled to an increase of pay. He paid a glowing tribute to the "old sergeant" teaches the young lieutenants how to manage men. He said these men should be encouraged to remain in the army.

WANT HIGHER WAGES

CONSIDERED BY COMMITTEE.

Commander Davenport and other officials of the Washington navy yard appeared today before the House committee on naval affairs to explain the demand of the skilled mechanics at the yard for increased compensation. The committee heard the witnesses in executive session.

The following is the wage scale demanded: "Mechanics, first class, 50 cents per hour; mechanics, second class, 44 cents per hour; mechanics, third class, 38 cents per hour, and mechanics, fourth class, 33 cents per nour, provided that not less than 60 per cent of the mechanics employed shall be of the first class."

The committee desired to obtain the views of the officers connected with the yard before reaching a decision in the matter. The representatives of the employes have been neard by the committee

OFFICIALS RESIGNED

GRANNIS AND GERRY RETIRE FROM MUTUAL DIRECTORY.

NEW YORK, March 28 .- Vice President Robert A. Grannis and Walter R. Gillette and Trustee Elbridge T. Gerry of the Mutual Life Insurance Company today tendered their resignations at a meeting of the board of trustees of that company.

A report of the Truesdale investigating committee was received and ordered printed, but no other action was taken upon ic.

ENDS THE CONTROVERSY.

Sale of Maryland's Interest in B. and O. Branch Today. Special Dispatch to The Star.

STATE HOUSE, ANNAPOLIS, March 28. -The board of public works today at noon sold the state's interest in the Washington branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad for \$2,500,000 to the Maryland Trust Company, as the representative of the railway company. There was but one bid for the stock, which was sold under the act passed yesterday by the general assembly. It is understood that this sale ends the controversy between the state of Maryland and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company. This controversy has lasted for

twenty years, and has covered all sorts of subjects, the most important of which has been the great amount of tax exemptions enjoyed by the railway company. All bills of hostile character aimed at the

rallway company will be dropped and peace and harmony will once more prevail between the state and its most powerful corperation. Among the bills to be dropped is that of Senator Shannon of Allegheny, providing against differential rates on coal in the western part of the state.

Off to Enter Upon Prison Sentence, NORFOLK, Va., March 28 .- Capt. E. W. Jones of the Virginia National Guard, convicted of the murder of Maud Cameron Robinson, formerly of Selma, N. C., whose head it was alleged he almost severed with a razor, which he afterward used in cutting his own throat, was today carried to Richmond, to begin his prison sentence of eight-een years. His dishonorable dismissal by Gov. Swanson from the military service of the state reached here several days ago.

To Benefit Notaries.

Senator Clapp today introduced a bill to permit notary publics in the District of Columbia to practice before government departments when they are not in the government service. The Secretary of the Interior, it is said in a petition favoring the passage of this bill, has classified notary pub-lics in the District of Columbia as inferior

THE JOHNSTOWN FIRE FOR A CABLE TO PANAMA GREENE-GAYNOR TRIAL BLUE AND THE GRAY THE WOOD REBATE CASE

TESTIMONY OF EX-SPEAKER CRISP'S SON READ TODAY.

pecial Dispatch to The Star SAVANNAH, Ga., March 28.-The testimony of Frederick Crisp, son of the late Charles F. Crisp, Speaker of the House of Representatives, was read in the Greene Gen. Julian S. Carr of Durham, N. C., na. and Gaynor case today after the court had | tional chairman, called the meeting to oroverruled the objection of the government's counsel. It was shown that Crisp is in Panama and inaccessible, and the court therefore decided to admit the evidence secured from him before Commissioner Shields in New York. Crisp's evidence related to the character of the work done by Greene and Gaynor, which he had seen as an in-spector. He denied that the mattresses spector. He deni were full of holes,

Effort was made by the defense to introduce the testimony of Col. J. W. Ruther-ford, whom the Greene and Gaynor counsel alleged to be dead. Insufficient proof of death was offered, however, and the court refused to admit the Rutherford testimony. District Attorney Erwin offered to admit the evidence of Rutherford if the defense would admit that of the late Marion Twiggs, but the defense would not agree to this proposal.

Plans of the Defense.

The defense will seek to secure proof of Rutherford's death in order to have his evidence admitted. William H. Flagg of New York has been sought by officers of the federal service for two months. The defense submitted a physician's certificate to the effect that Flagg's condition was such as to preclude his coming to Savan-nah to testify.

mony of Flagg, holding that the witness had been evading service; that his present whereabouts were not even known. "This is a very suspicious looking show-ing," said Judge Speer, explaining that he had no reference to counsel for the defense, but to Mr. Flagg.

J. E. Nicholas of Conway, S. C., testified to having constructed mattresses for the Savannah harbor work. He described the method of construction in detail, the ques-tioning by counsel for the defense being designed to show that the allegations of the government relative to improper and cheap fashioning of the facines were un-

The court refused to admit the testi-

ALL DELEGATES ACCEPT

PROPOSED JOINT POLICING OF MO-ROCCO BY FRANCE AND SPAIN.

The situation at Algeciras, as it is understcod at the State Department, is that all of the delegates to the conference have accepted the proposal for the joint policing of Morocco by France and Spain, but that as all of the proceedings are ad referendum, the assent of the home governments is necessary to make the agreement binding. Responses from the various foreign offices are accordingly being awaited by the delegates, and it is expected that these will be in hand when the conference reas sembles tomorrow.

In a communication sent to the State De-

partment yesterday Ambassador White re-ferred to an afternoon session to be held for the treatment of the bank question, and stated that he felt no doubt whatever of an agreement on that point. A message dated at Algeciras today makes no mention of any session or developments.

BILLS REGARDING DAMS. Controversy Over Jurdisdicton of

Committees. There is to be a contest regarding com-

mittee jurisdictions of dams between the river and harbor committee and the committee on interstate and foreign commerce. A resolution which brings this question before the rules committee for action has been introduced by Mr. Burton of Ohio, chairman of the rivers and harbors committee, upon which a hearing will be requested.

The resolution has its immediate inspiration because of attention which the commerce committee is now giving a measure providing that water may be taken from the Sacramento river in California, for irrigation purposes. Much money has been expended on this river under the super-vision of the rivers and harbors committee to make it navigable. This has been accomplished for a distance of 266 miles. The proposition to allow water to be taken from the stream will render it too low for navigation by the river boats, according to the pelief of members of Mr. Burton's committee. Hence the resolution, which prescribes that hereafter all bills for dams across navigable streams shall go to the rivers

and harbors committee.

There is great confusion at present in the reference of dam bills. Some go to one and some to another committee. The committee on interstate and foreign commerce is one of the oldest committees of the House. It was established in 1794 as the committee of commerce and manufactures. About twenty years late: the committee on manufactures was created as a separate commit-tee, and later originated tariff bills to some extent until its jurisdiction of such matextent until its jurisdiction of such mat-ters was successfully disputed by the com-mittee on ways and means. In 1883, the committee on rivers and harbors was created and still further depleted the ju-

ORDERED TO WASHINGTON.

Gen. J. Franklin Bell Directed to Re-

port Here by April 9. An order issued at the War Department today directs Brig. Gen. J. Franklin Bell, in charge of the staff college at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., to repair to this city not later than April 9 and report to Lieut. Gen. Bates, chief of staff, for assignment to duty. April 14 is the date fixed for the retirement of Lieut. Gen. Bates, the promotion of Maj. Gen. Corbin to the rank of lieutenant gen-



Gen. J. Franklin Bell.

eral, and of the installation of Brig. Gen. Bell as chief of staff by presidential designation. Gen. Bates will not reach the stat-utory retiring age of sixty-four years until August 26 next, and his retirement next month is in accordance with an arrange-ment made by himself, Gen. Chaffee, his predecessor in office, and the Secretary of

Gen. Bell comes to Washington in advance of the date fixed for his assumption of the duties of the office of chief of staff in order to confer with Secretary Taft and Gen. Bates in regard to the general policies of the department, and to familiarise himself with the duties of his new office. It is not believed that the change in the office of chief of staff will involve any change in the office of chief of staff will involve any change in the duties of Brig. Gen. Barry, president of the War College, and Brig. Gen. Mills, chief of major.

First Lieuts. Aifred Aloe, 12th Infantry. Thomas J. Fealy, 1st Infantry; Frank W. Bowell, 11th Infantry; Hugh A. Drum, 23d Infantry; John M. Campbell, 5th Infantry; John M. Campbell, 5th Infantry; John M. Campbell, 5th Infantry. Hugh A. Drum, 23d three votes were cast in favor of reportion be captulus.

Lansing bill, which would have made betting at race tracks a felony, as it is already either at a mile, and all ralication officers of the government, and as unch they are not entitled to practice before the little of the change in the office of chief of staff will involve any change in the office of chief of staff will involve any change in the office of chief of staff will involve any change in the office of chief of staff will involve any change in the office of chief of staff will involve any change in the office of chief of staff will involve any change in the office of chief of staff will involve any change in the office of chief of staff will involve any change in the office of chief of staff will involve any change in the office of chief of staff will involve any change in the office of chief of staff will involve any change in the office of chief of staff will involve any change in the office of chief of staff will involve any change in the office of chief of staff will involve any change in the office of staff will involve any change in the office of the government, and as unchange in the office of the government. In order to overcome this disaster, and 200 thanks seem the senate codes committee, when only peake bay. Representative Mudd has been disaster, and 200 the duties of his new office. It is not they change in the office of the government and such they are not entitled to practice before the seem the senate codes committee, when only peake bay. Representative Mudd has been disaster, and 200 thems.

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THE SOCIETY AT ATLANTA.

Special Dispatch to The Star ATLANTA, Ga., March 28 .- The conven tion of the Blue and the Gray Society be-

gan here today. At the forenoon session der. He stated that this was the third annual meeting of the organization. The first meeting was held at St. Louis in 1904; the second at Washington, D. C., in 1905. The expectation is that 1907 will witness a great reunion of the soldiers of the north and those of the south in Washington.

The remainder of the forenoon program was as follows: Gov. J. M. Terrell addressed the veterans for the state and Mayor ed the veterans for the state and Mayor J. G. Woodward for the city; prayer by Bishop F. Gailor, D.D., Tennessee; address, "Origin of St. Louis and Washington Meetings," E. Henry Byrons, A.B.G., Connecticut. Address of greetings—Gen. J. F. Chase, past department commander, G. A. R., Florida; topic, "The American Boldier;" reply, Gen. Julian S. Carr, North Carolina; greeting, Maj. Gen. W. D. Cameron, Mississippi; reply, Maj. John C. Koster, past department commander New ter, past department commander, New York; greeting, Com. Francis B. Allen, Connecticut; reply, Gen. R. B. Snowden, Tennessee; greeting, Gen. J. B. Polley, Texas; reply, Judge O. S. Deming, Ken-

The Afternoon Session.

The afternoon session began at 2 o'clock with the following order of exercises: Greeting, Gen. Edwin S. Greeley. Connecticut; reply, Maj. B. F. Dixon, North Caro-Greeting, Gen. Edwin S. Greeley, Connectireply, Maj. D. R. Loweil, Connecticut; greeting, Col. R. M. Green, California; reply, Capt. J. T. Griffith, Virginia; greeting, Maj. Edward Buford, Tennessee; reply, Gen. J. R. Ayery, Arkansas.

Rev. E. Henry Byrons, the principal pro-noter of the Blue and the Gray movement, in his address said: Rev. Byrons' Address.

"You may ask for what purpose is all this? We reply that we may become still broader and stronger as a nation; that every American soldier, whether he wore the blue or the gray, may, by coming in contact with each other, learn that after all they are not only brothers, but loyal American citizens, thus proving to the world, the whole world, that we are in truth a united nation; that sectionalism no onger holds sway; that veterans of '61-'65, whether they lived in the north or the south, are united-today, tomorrow and for-

"One of the plans of this movement is to "One of the plans of this movement is to bring about at no distant day something such as was sought at the St. Louis convention, that is, a grand national rally in the city of Washington, D. C., not only of the blue and gray, but of all soldiers in all wars in the United States—the Spanish-American veterans; the veterans of the American veterans; the veterans of the China and Philippine campaign; yes, of all the armies and navies in this country, together with the sons of vetrans, all of them to pass before the President of the

United States in one grand review.
"It is suggested that this raily continue for one week and that free transportation be given to all those needy veterans whose health will permit them to attend the meeting or participate in the parade. That lectures on ancient and modern war fare be given, and a hall be hired in which relies and flags of all wars of this country be on exhibition and a small admiss charged.

SOUTHERN METHODISTS

THE ANNUAL BALTIMORE CON-FERENCE AT CUMBERLAND.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

CUMBERLAND, Md., March 28 .- A feature of the opening session of the 122d annual Baltimore conference, M. E. Churca South, this morning was the introduction of resolutions calling for the erection of a memorial church in Washington. It was referred to the committee on memorials, which will favorably recommend the project to the committee on memorials at the general conference. Bishop Alpheus W. Wilson, though quite ill, called the conference to order. He was bundled in a heavy ccat. He will be relieved by Bishop Cand-

terial and lay delegates. F. Brooke Whiting, city attorney, on behalf of Mayor King, welcomed the con-ference to Cumberland. Rev. John S. ference to Cumberland. Rev. John S. Hutchinson of Alexandria, presiding elder of the Washington district, responded briefly in a happy vein. Rev. H. J. Hammond, D. D., Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. J. J. Eigert, D. D., board editor of the general confer ence. Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. John Harris and Rev. H. L. Smith of the Western Virginia conference were introduced. Rev. Dr. James E. Armstrong of Salem, Va., presiding elder of Roanoke district, was

elected secretary of the conference. The Board of Education.

The report of the board of education was submitted by Rev. D. J. Hammond. The church erected thirty-two new buildings, costing \$434,558, an increase of \$198,058. The value of all real estate and buildings is \$8,237,999, an increase of \$1,153,763. The amount invested in improvements, exclusive amount invested in improvements, exclusive of new buildings, was \$196,735. The gifts and legacies amounted to \$291,373, an increase of \$14,282, the total endowment being \$3,400,462. There are 276 ministerial students from the conference. The total income was \$1,778,738. The collection for

dents from the conference. The total income was \$1,778,738. The collection for negro work amounted to \$9,668.53.

Various presiding elders made reports. Among them, Rev. John S. Hutchinson of Alexandria, presiding elder of the Washington district, who reported 802 accessions to membership; 146 adult baptisms, 153 infant baptisms; \$3,799 contributed to foreign misious; \$2,416 to home missions, and \$15,144 for building churches and parsonages. The mission church in West Washington made a decided advance. The pastor's salary was increased \$300, making it \$300. Over \$1,400 was raised on the debt of the church. There are five churches in Washington, the pastors being: Mount. Vernon place, W. F. Locke; Epworth, D. L. Blackmore; Marvin, Rev. J. C. Hawk; St. Paul, Rev. W. P. Jeffries, West Washington, Rev. W. H. Ballangee.

DIVORCE FOR BRODIE DUKE Granted at New York Today in Sealed

Verdict.

NEW YORK, March 28.-Brodie L. Duke of Durham, N. C., a relative of the president of the American Tobacco Company, today was granted a divorce from his wife, Alice Webb Duke, whom he married in this city December 19, 1904.

When the case was called for trial yesterday counsel for Mrs. Duke did not appear, and witnesses were examined for the plaintiff. Justice Blanchard ordered a sealed verdict, which was returned today. Mr. Duke's marriage to Alice Webb was followed by a series of sensational events, in which an unsuccessful effort was made by relatives of Mr. Duke to have him placed in an asylum in an asylum.

Arrests for Illegal Regstration. KANSAS CITY, March 28.-Within the last twenty-four hours three additional arrests have been made on warrants charging

dilegal registration for the coming city elec-tion. Special Prosecutor Durham has un-earthed evidence that in one district men had been paid from 50 cents to \$1.50 for each name registered Cedar River on a Rampage.

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF TRIAL CONTINUED TODAY-TAR-IFF SHEETS IN EVIDENCE.

PHILADELPHIA, March 28.—The trial of the Wood rebate case was continued in the United States court here today. The government charges that R. D. Wood & Co., iron manufacturers, accepted a rebate from the Great Northern Railway Company and the Mutual Transit Company on a ship-

ment to Winnipeg. When court convened today the government offered in evidence the tariff sheets of the various carrying companies involved. Counsel for Wood & Co. objected to the admission of the sheets, but was overruled by the court.

Railway Tariff Sheets.

The sheets put in evidence included those of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, Philadelphia and Reading railroad, Great Northern railway and the Mutual Transit Company. The latter company is a lake car-

Assistant Auditor Roberts of the interstate commerce commission was recalled to the stand, and after identifying the tariff sheets gave detailed testimony concerning the various rates. The government charges that Wood & Co. secured a rate of 44% cents per hundred pounds in the shipments. The rate is 49% cents per hundred pounds.

THE RUSSIAN ELECTIONS.

Some Significant Results in Province of Kostroma. ST. PETERSBURG, March 28.-The prov-

ince of Kostroma, European Russia, is the first to have completed its elections to the provincial congress. Forty-six peasants, nineteen noblemen, eighteen merchants, six professional men and three priests were returned. The preponderance of peasants is significant, considering that they were only entitled to elect twenty-nine delegates, while the landowners had thirty-five, the cities twenty-eight and the workmen seven dele-

The results show that the "small landowners," who in reality are only peasants of the more prosperous class, holding their property in severalty, atood together against property in severalty, stood together against the big landlords and chose exclusively peasants. The peasant electors are not classified and have but one plank in their platform, namely, the distribution of land. The others are divided. Thirty-four per cent of them are conservative and 18 per cent constitutional democrats.

THE BATTLESHIP NEW JERSEY Given Official Standardization Trial Today.

ROCKLAND, Maine, March 28.-The new pattleship New Jersey, built for the United States government, was given her official standardization trial on the Owl's Head mile course today. Her contract requires the development of a speed of nineteen knots an hour. The weather was showery, but was not expected to interrupt the arrangements.

NOTES FROM RICHMOND.

Special Dispatch to The Star. RICHMOND, Va., March 28.-The state

corporation commission today chartered the Washington Mechanics' Savings Bank of Alexandria, Ezra Gould, president; F. S. Wolf, secretary-treasurer, both of Washington. The capital stock is twenty to fifty thousand dollars. The company is to do a general banking business. The commission also chartered the Bur-

dette Land. Lumber and Mining Company William Hitz secretary-treasurer, both of of his office certain comments of the re-Washington, D. C. The capital stock is \$100,000. The company is to do a lumber and mining business and deal in real estate of neglect of duty. and metals.

GOV. PATTISON'S CONDITION.

Passed a Comfortable Night and Much

Better Today.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 28, Governor Pattison today continues his improvement of the past forty-eight hours. The doctors issued the following bulletta at 10 o'clock:

"The governor has had an unusually good

night and his condition is very encourag-ing. Temperature normal; pulse 90; respi-OHIO'S NEW LIQUOR TAX LAW.

Over 10,000 Lose Jobs, but State's

Revenues Increase. COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 28.-It is estimated that between 10,000 and 15,000 men will be thrown out of employment by the enforcement of the Aiken \$1,000 liquor tax law, passed yesterday. The 5,000 proprietors of the saloens that will close will be out of employment. At least half of them have barkeepers, making 2,500 more. Many porters and men who get up saloon lunches will lose their employment. Brewery drivers and other workers at the breweries will

also suffer. Representative Aiken estimates that the gain in the state's revenue will be about \$3,450,000, three-tenths of which goes to the It is estimated that 1.974 saloons in Ohio will close, as follows: Cincinnati, 400; Cleveland, 400; Columbus, 350; Toledo, 375; Springfield, 70; Dayton, 200; Youngstown, 80; Hamilton. 105; Zanesville, 75; Canton, 100; Akron. 75; Norwalk, 12; Lima, 18;

SUICIDE OF A VETERAN.

Fought in Three Wars and Died Ignominiously.

Piqua, 14.

NEW YORK, March 28 .- After an advenyears old and in ill health.

French campaign against Austria in Italy, in which he fought under Marshal Mc-Mahon, who decorated him with a medal for bravery in the battles of Magenta and Solferino. Two years later Strauss came to America and enlisted in the Union army in the civil war, serving in the peninsula campaign.
At the battle of Malvern Hill his brother

Strauss was a native of Alsace-Lorraine,

and began his service as a soldier in the

who had enlisted in the confederate army was in the force to which Strauss and his comrades were opposed. He then joined the New York police force, but when the Franco-Prussian war began returned again to fight under his old commander, Marshal MacMahon. He was captured in the fall of Sedan and returned to New York.

TRAGEDY IN TEXAS.

Wounded Rival and Sweetheart, Then Killed Himself. DALLAS, Tex., March 28.-Will T. Walker

of Ardmore, I. T., waylaid Grover Record and Miss Myrtle Smith last night as they were returning from a skating rink, shot them both and then killed himself. Record and Miss Smith will recover, it is believed. The men had both been going to see Miss Smith, but had been friendly in their rival-ry. Miss Smith refused to skate with Walker at a roller rink. Walker was a

ALLEGED THEFT. Horse and Buggy Driven Away by Un-

officers who withessed the occurrence, the responsible party still remains free and his identity in doubt.

About 11 o'clock several persons who were standing in front of the Police Court saw a colored man jump into a buggy standing at the curb and drive off. Humane Officer Haynes, a witness to the act, recognized the rig as that driven to the court by James F. Warder of 472 Louisiana avenue northwest, and he hastened into the court to ask Mr. Warder if he had authorized any one to take away his horse and buggy. Mr. Warder replied he had not, and the

chase began. The buggy was out of sight by that time, however, but the owner and Policeman Hayden of the fourth precinct, accompanied by several others, started down 15th street the direction that the buggy had taken a short time Mr. Warder recognized his in a snort time Mr. Warder recognized his outfit on C street in the possession of a colored man, and the driver was at once taken into custody by Policeman Hayden. When he was taken back to the Police Court and interrogated he stated that his employer, Mr. J. E. Chapman, who has a fuel yard on C street near 14th street, saw the horse wandering along the street with-out a driver and had sent him out to take charge of it. The prisoner gave his name as William Dimes. His employer corroborated this statement, and Dimes was re-leased at once. The police are looking for the right man.

OPPOSE A REHEARING.

Brief.

ings instituted in the District Supreme Court to prevent the District Commissioners from ordering the narrowing of G street between 4th and 5th streets northeast, today filed in the District Court of Appeals a brief in opposition to the motion of Corporation Counsel Thomas for a rehearing on the appeal, which was recently decided against the Commissioners. Mr. Walter and others several months ago petitioned the District Supreme Court for an injunction to restrain the Commissioners from making certain changes on G street, including the reduction of the width of the including the reduction of the width of the roadway. An appeal was taken on the adverse ruling of the lower court on the petition and the Court of Appeals sustained the contention of the appellants, holding that the power of the Commissioners over the streets did not extend to any reduction of the appeals of the roadways. At the direction of the roadways. tion of the roadways. At the direction of the Commissioners the corporation counsel then made a motion for a rehearing.

In the brief filed today several conten-

At the close of the brief counsel submitted a copy of a letter dated March 20, 1905, from William F. Meyers, one of the secre-taries to the District Commissioners, to S. lowerbutts of the Northeast Washington Citizens' Association. The body of the let-ter quoted is as follows: "The Commissioners direct me to inform you that they know of no act of Congress under which they are authorized to reduce the width of roadways other than those quoted in your letter of the 1st instant." The letter referred to the act of Congress of April 6, 1870, authorizing parking on streets by re-ducing a part of their roadways, excepting certain streets, and a subsequent act of Congress, approved March 3, 1881, limiting the application of the above-mentioned act by repealing some of its provisions.

Court Dismisses Suit Against Secretary of War.

afternoon sustained the demurrer to the bill filed in the case of Maj. Peter R. Egan, a surgeon in the United States army, against Secretary of War Taft and ordered that the bill be dismissed.

martial which tried Maj. Egan on a charge

The report went to the reviewing officer,

ed to be expunged from the records of the War Department. Maj. Egan contended that the reviewing officer had no right to express an opinion as to his conduct, and filed in the District Supreme Court a petition asking that it be stricken from the records. The court heid today it had no power to say what records

Maj. Egan was represented by Attorney James Hamilton of New York and District Attorney Baker, and Assistant District Attorney Adkins appeared for the Secretary

Funeral of Joe Cassidy at Chester, Pa.,

Special Dispatch to The Star. avenue last night, and the immense church was packed to the doors this morning. The

cortege was one of the largest seen here

in years. Solemn high requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. P. J. Ryan, rector of the church. The pallbearers were W. Luttrell, Gordon MacDonald. James Mullan, Hubert Ryan, turous career as a soldier, during which he | Chester friends, and Messrs, Stahl, Hickfought under the French fing in two wars man, Jones and Nill of the Washington and in the American civil war, Daniel Base Ball Club. The floral offerings were Strauss ended his life as a doorman in the the most beautiful seen at a funeral in this New York police department today by city for years. Among the designs were shooting himself. He was seventy-two a base ball diamond, with two gold bats and gold ball, from the Washington Base Ball Club; a broken column, from members of the Philadelphia Athletics; gates ajar, from the management of the Washington club; three-leaf clover from Clover Club, cross, crescent and star from Hill, Rod and Gun Club; a beautiful design from the Hnghland Base Ball Club, a broken column from the Upland Social Club, ten pins and bowling ball from the Tri-city Bowling League. The interment was at Immaculate Heart

Court Exercises Leniency on Account of Circumstances. Benjamin Greenwell and Edward Mat-

housebreaking, entered pleas of guilty this morning in Criminal Court, No. 1. In view of the youth of the prisoners and other extenuating circumstances. Justice Gould exercised leniency in disposing of both cases, settencing Matthews to jail for five months and allowing Greenwell to depart without ser ence upon the representation of his counsel and relatives to the effect that he would at once be placed in the navy.

Arthur Statton, colored, also pleaded guilty under an indictment charging house-breaking. It was his first offense, and he was sentenced to every few months in all. was sentenced to serve ten months in tall

For a Big Floating Dry Dock.

recommend an appropriation of about \$2,000,000 for the construction of a monster

Northeast Citizens' Association Files Attorneys Mason N. Richardson and Henry G. Stewart, counsel for LeRoy D. Walter and others of the Northeast Washington Citizens' Association in the proceed-

tions of the corporation counsel are answered and a number of decisions are cited in support of the claims of the appellants.

SUSTAINS DEMURRER.

Justice Stafford, in Equity Court No. 2, this

The proceedings were instituted by Maj. Egan more than a year ago to compel the of Alexandria. J. Flannery is president and Secretary of War to strike from the records

> Maj. Egan was stationed at Fort Doug-las. Utah, in the fall of 1900. He was charged with neglect of duty in attending to sick soldiers in the months of October and November of that year. The charge was supported by six specifications, and the court-martial found him not guilty on the specifications as well as under the

> who approved the findings under several of the specifications and disproved findings under the remaining specifications. In his decision the reviewing officer expressed an opinion of the conduct of Maj. Egan, and it was this opinion which Maj. Egan wish-

> should be kept by the Secretary of War and the court was there without jurisdiction in the matter.

of War. MOURNED BY MANY.

This Morning. CHESTER, Pa., March 28.-The funeral of Joseph Phillip Cassidy, late shortstop of the Washington Americans, took place this morning from the Immaculate Heart Church. Over 2,000 persons viewed the remains as they lay in state in a handsome casket in the Cassidy home at 1315 Central

ENTER PLEAS OF GUILTY.

thews, young men indicted jointly for

The members of the House committee on naval affairs have practically decided to